

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: December 9, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Daniel E. Donovan, III, Selectmen William F. Condra and Richard E. Swanson,
and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Donovan.

Steve Elliott, Director of Public Works, and Caitlin Sullivan, Budget Committee were first on the agenda to present the Public Works budgets. Steve presented the Highway budget first noting that part of the 24.3% increase included \$75,000 for the Storm Water process. Also included is a 7.27% increase in the Labor Supervisor line item; there has not been an increase for two years since taking on the Recycling Department. Chairman Donovan stated that this is long overdue, and he approached Steve about it over the summer. Selectman Condra agreed with the compensation package. Selectman Swanson spoke about keeping a flat budget. Steve said that if the unfunded mandates were removed then his budget increase would only be 1%. After some additional discussion, Chairman Donovan stated that he was all set with the Highway budget.

The next budget discussed was Recycling. Steve stated that the new Compactor came on-line last Thursday. It was well received by the employees of the Recycling Center. It will save time and money. Steve stated that he is selling his products locally now, using DC Slocumb. Disposal of fluorescent lights, dumpster hauling, testing and a few other items were discussed.

Next was the Resurfacing budget. Steve stated that the roads are getting better, and his plan next year is to work on the downtown section of roads. Concrete and asphalt prices are up some; the overall increase in this budget is just under 2%.

His other two budgets were discussed briefly; Cemetery and Parks and Recreation. Steve stated that he wants to rebuild the irrigation pond at Carnival Hill next year. The Board thanked Steve.

Kerrie Diers and Sara Siskavich from NRPC attended the meeting to discuss the "Live Maps" program they have. While Sara set up for the presentation Kerrie explained some of the services NRPC provides for the town. One of the services is providing annual tax maps for municipalities.

Sara gave a presentation on their Geo-mapping software and she spoke on the ways a municipality can use this application. The communities of Amherst and Hollis have decided to come on board with it. This software application is helpful for town employees in numerous ways and NRPC will customize it for us. The Selectmen asked some questions at the end of the presentation. There is no cost to Wilton for this Geo-mapping service. The Selectmen agreed that they have no problem supplying NRPC with Wilton's data, and it was agreed that November is the best time to provide the update. Wilton will provide an updated data base in January.

Gary Zirpolo was next on the agenda. Chairman Donovan made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 8:19 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) and (c) for two separate issues. A unanimous vote was cast to enter the nonpublic session.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:36 P.M.

Tom Schultz, Water and Sewer Commissioner, attended the meeting to discuss the annual stipend for the Commissioners of both boards. The issue at question was whether to pro-rate the stipends if a board member had resigned midterm. Tom gave the history of the stipend payment last year and stated that he deferred to the other two board members as it was not his stipend in question on either board. The Sewer Commission made the decision that they do not want to prorate the stipend; it will go to the member serving at the time of payment in December. The Water Commissioners had some discussions about it which ended in a split decision that came down to Tom Schultz's vote. Selectman Condra mentioned the Treasurer's point of view, being that the stipend goes from March to March being paid in December due to finances, and in this case, the Commissioner in question had been paid his total stipend for his elected term. Selectman Condra said that he agreed with the Sewer Commissioner's decision to pay the stipend to the person in office at the time of payment. Tom Schultz agreed.

Chairman Donovan asked Water Commissioner Tom Schultz about the New Reservoir. There was a discussion about the letter of deficiency from the State. Tom said that he would follow up with the Board.

Chairman Donovan spoke about the ownership of the two dams stating that he is unsure why the Town owns the dams. He would like to see a formal agreement between the owner of the dams (Town) and Wilton Water Works as to the responsibility for maintenance, insurance, etc. He volunteered to attend meetings regarding this topic. The Selectmen thanked Tom for attending.

Selectman Swanson updated the Board on the results of the elderly exemption study he has done with help from Jane and Melissa. Wilton's income limit and asset limit seems too low. He presented the numbers he would like to propose at Town Meeting. Chairman Donovan and Selectman Condra discussed the exemption and agreed with Rick's proposal. It will be passed on to the Budget Committee as a courtesy.

Chairman Donovan built an attractive notice holder for the front entrance of the Town Hall which will eliminate having to tape notices to the door.

Selectman Swans presented the LED lighting proposal given by Lightech Inc. After discussing the proposal the Board decided to wait a year or, in the hopes that prices may drop dramatically.

There was an issue brought to the Selectmen's attention regarding a residence on Burns Hill. There may be an illegal apartment and may have been an illegal rebuild without a building permit. John Shepardson will be asked to check out the two issues.

Chairman Donovan spoke about the NTV, LLC issue, relaying Attorney Little's recommendation. Selectmen Condra and Swanson do not agree with his recommendation. Chairman Donovan will relay this to Attorney Little.

The audit findings were discussed. There was a deficiency noted that was the result of the failed Water and Sewer Department's billing program. It was really a Water and Sewer issue but the Tax Collector took the blame because she does their billing.

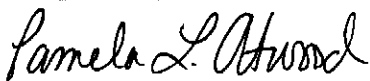
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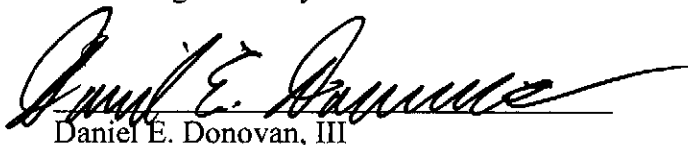
The weekly manifests were signed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 P.M. by Chairman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

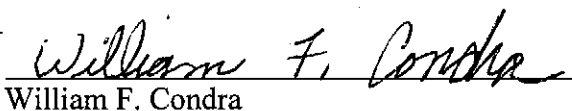
Respectfully submitted;



Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary




Daniel E. Donovan, III



William F. Condra



Richard E. Swanson



Date Signed